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Please note that new claim 33 above corresponds to previous claim 16. The remaining new dependant claims have been added to more clearly define the applicant's invention and distinguish it over the known prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not teach or suggest the novel and nonobvious features of applicant's claimed and disclosed tree stand reclining seat.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the invention represents a patentable contribution to the art and the application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is accordingly solicited.

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